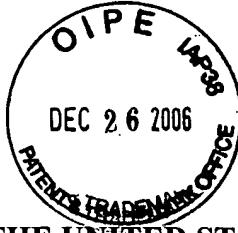


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Applicant : Dybing
Appl. No. : 10/646,852
Filed : August 22, 2003
For : METHOD FOR
PRODUCING A FOOD
PRODUCT FROM A
CONCENTRATED
PROTEIN
Examiner : Anthony J. Weier
Group Art Unit : 1761
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In an action mailed on November 30, 2006, the Examiner required Applicant to elect one of two species for prosecution on the merits. In response, Applicant elects, without traverse, to proceed with examination on the merits of species A1 (Claims 15-22 and 33-37). Claims 1-22, 27, and 33-37 are readable on the elected species. Applicants note that Claims 1-14 and 27 are generic and request consideration of claims to the non-elected species upon allowance of a generic claim.

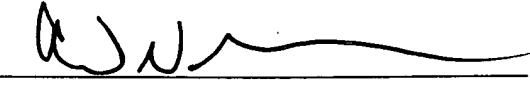
The application is believed to be in condition for examination on the merits and Applicants respectfully request the same.

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Respectfully submitted,

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